



THE VIDEO HERMIT

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Ralph Hocking, a video hermit....

Confucius said once... ~~xxxx~~ greatest thing is a man of virtue staying unknown... in the country side..

Laotze was one of those, who ~~xxxx~~ did avoide the worldly trivia and lived serenly ..unknown... untill he was going out of the frontier gate to die... then the guardman stopped him and begged him to leave a note, which became that short book of Latoze, which, although you Americans can understand only one tenths of it, still turns on so many Americans... One of great pleasure of being an Asian is that I know enough Chinese symbols to follow the original text of Laotze...

Although Laotze is very a-sexuel, he was obsessed by Vagina. Vagina is the symbol of Tao, which is nothing, yet, a nothing which let everything happen... he must have been a dirty old man, and not a sugar daddy... He thought Vagina is the god of valley, because valley looks like a woman's thigh, through which a lot of wind pass through...

Yet the color of sex was for him not pink or green but a dark brown, almost black....he understood the mysticism of proto-sex.. or pre-sex... the uncessant power of creation.

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If there is a Laotze in Video, he must be Ralph Hocking.

he lives like a hermit in Owego County or Appalacian county... maybe in Pennsylvania or maybe in upstate New York... so obscure that nobody knows.... he is as big as a tiger, but his heart is as soft as a sheep. his English as scarce as Chinese.

Without fanfare... (a gentleman unknown in the country side..). he made

several computer tapes... which is still largely unknown ...or maybe will be unknown next 1000 years.... but after 1000 years, ~~xx~~ there will be a few guys or girls... maybe in Iran Bator or in the Timor Island... or in the Peru... or who knows maybe in New York city... who will dust off and look carefully the statement..

his problem is that ~~xxxxxx~~ his tape is almost exclusively ~~and~~ yet completely a-sexuel.... ~~or not sexy at all.~~

even in the ~~abstract~~ abstract tape of PIXEL... all one see is the big hole... or a big valley in the Laotze's sense...

Are you interested in the black hole in the sun ???

yes.... but

the black hole in the human being is more interesting

still....

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p.s. ALL works of Hocking is made in the essential collaboration with a very smart lady... Shirlley miller